



# **Paralyzed Veterans of America**

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Arizona Chapter

**2013-2014**

**Annual**

**Report**

**This report is a synopsis of the last fiscal year for the Arizona Chapter. It will start with an explanation of each program and provide the final financial situation for the Chapter at the end of fiscal year 2014: September 30, 2014.**

**Administration:** The building was a sound investment. We have had 3 serious inquires to sell ; 2 of those included long term lease back offers. We own it outright and the rent pays the bills. Neighborhood development is going on all around us and it has spread to the residential areas. We have become a true location with the Phoenix VA right down the street and more veterans finding their way to our door. We have developed a better website and our venture into social networking on Facebook has been eye opening and a great new asset. We will be posting our financials on our website and are happy to announce that **90%** of all our income is used for our programs expenses.

**Advocacy and Outreach:** The Chapter placed most of our outreach and educational time into high population events such as the Arizona State Fair and proved that we need to go big or stay home. We had an amazingly successful program with Arizona State University and are watching as two items re-invented were funded for further development and funding by ASU. We helped to fund the annual Flagstaff Disability Dinner. We also reached out to other disability groups such as Spina Bifida and the ALS Association to swap medical equipment, supplies and support their events with sponsorship and an occasional booth.

**Communications:** The Chapter uses a monthly newsletter, the Desert Oracle to keep our members and other interested parties aware of Chapter issues and events. We also use Facebook advertising or “shout outs” to keep them apprised of Chapter activities and events. While a good portion of our members receive news digitally, we find that like our printed materials, emails change as quickly as addresses.

We also use digital memos to keep those on the list with short bursts of information that needs to be sent out before the next Desert Oracle is published.

**Fundraising:** We will continue to receive rental income from the suite next door; they resigned a year's lease in August. We are also collecting rent from the property acquired last year in Chino Valley. We have looked for other sources of income and were rewarded with a nice pledge from Salt River Project Employee Giving Booster Program. We have applied for the Capital Federal Campaign employee giving program. National PVA has continued our grant and it is appreciated. We are trying to have patience with an investment towards a system to eventually give us a prime source of income and good paying jobs for veterans that wish to return to work.

**Service:** We now have two permanent National Service Officers. Andrew Leyda is a PVA NSO who has worked to improve the Tucson Clinic. Michael Wilson has taken over Prescott and Phoenix Clinics. Even though there has been a large amount of fury over services at the Phoenix VA, the clinic has been terrific. Michael has been meeting each intern Director that has come to the Phoenix fiasco. The office has been taking in more POA's and they have extended out by going to many Veteran events such as St. Joe's Veterans Day on the Lake and the Arizona State Fair.

**Hospitals:** While we are exhilarated to finally have our new clinic in Phoenix, their input along with the SCI Clinic staff and our NSO's provided us with a great team effort to ensure another state of the art premium clinic for the Phoenix area Veterans. The Prescott VA's new clinic has been put on hold for until 2016. The clinic has been in disarray as there has been multiple Primary Care Providers. We were told that there was a potential doctor getting ready to be hired. The Prescott VA's new clinic has been put on hold until 2016. The clinic has been in disarray as there has been multiple Primary Care Providers. We were told that there was a potential doctor getting ready to be hired. The staff has been attending multiple education seminars.

Although the Prescott area has the smallest populations of all three hospitals they are within a few Veterans on the registry of our Tucson hospital. The Chapter assisted in negotiations for a larger clinic in Tucson. So there is a new exam room and a part-time Physiatrist for our Southern Arizona veterans. This includes, but is not limited to a full staff, two real exam rooms, completely outfitted and real offices for the Nurse Practitioner and Social Worker. There is also a new full time Social Worker dedicated solely to the SCI/D Clinic. We wish to thank again Mark Lichter from National PVA's architectural team; without him this clinic would not have happened.

**Membership:** The Chapter presently has 505 members, in comparison to 526 last year. Many fine members have passed. We will miss them. We logged 2802 volunteer hours this past year. All Chapter regular Board of Directors meetings were open to general membership. Meetings are held in March in the Marana (Southern Arizona) area; Prescott has the June Barbecue and Phoenix hosted the other three meetings, on the second Wednesday of the month. We hold 6 bi-monthly meetings starting on October each year.

**Sports and Recreation:** We again sponsored local teams in Ice Hockey, 2 Basketball teams and Quad Rugby. Our team support is for the developmental and female teams. We sponsored a team to go to Philadelphia for the National Veteran's Wheelchair Games. Our numbers were lower due to illness and a few members that have moved on. Our Trap Shoot went very well again as well as the accommodations from the Tucson Trap & Skeet Club, and Casino Del Sol. These facilities have always been first class. Thanks to Hilda Fox and Andy Mac Donald it all went smoothly and professional. The Chapter was able to work with a Spina Bifida youth group and a Southern Arizona Wheelchair Basketball team, the Lobos. A few local shooters rounded out our trap shoot. We also enjoyed a pistol shoot at Three Points Rifle Club Range. It was a great start for a new Chapter event.



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**Prosthetics:** This year we had over \$167,000 of medical equipment and supplies to help Veterans and the community at large. Thanks to our Administrative Assistant and our Office Assistant we were able to help hundreds of people in the community. If you have **any** prosthetic equipment and/or medical supplies that you would like to donate to the Chapter, please call the office to arrange a drop-off or a pick-up. We do pick-ups once a month if there is enough to fill a truck. **Every** little bit helps.

**Arizona Chapter Board of Directors and Office Staff 2014**

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**Attention All Readers:**

***Please accept our gratitude to all of you who have invested time or money into the Chapter this past year.***

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013



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ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 225,898	\$ 257,824
Employee advances	462	-
Prepaid expenses	995	586
Inventory	31,419	16,903
Property and equipment, net	565,215	481,869
Deposits	278	-
Beneficial interest in remainder trust	90,609	82,193
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	90,000	-
	\$ 1,004,876	\$ 839,375
Total assets		
LIABILITIES		
Accrued payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 4,321	\$ 3,822
Accrued leave	10,803	8,922
Accrued property taxes	1,957	1,957
Deposits	800	-
	17,881	14,701
Total liabilities		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:	806,386	742,481
Temporarily restricted	90,609	82,193
Permanently restricted net assets	90,000	-
	986,995	824,674
Total net assets		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,004,876	\$ 839,375

## **Paralyzed Veterans of America Mission** **Statement**

***Paralyzed Veterans of America is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely for the benefit and representation of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease. For nearly 70 years, we have ensured that veterans have received the benefits earned through their service to our nation; monitored their care in VA spinal cord injury units; and funded research and education in the search for a cure and improved care for individuals with paralysis.***

***As a partner for life, Paralyzed Veterans also develops training and career services, works to ensure accessibility in public buildings and spaces, provides health and rehabilitation opportunities through sports and recreation, and advocates for veterans and all people with disabilities. With more than 70 offices and 34 chapters, Paralyzed Veterans serves veterans, their families, and their caregivers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.***



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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

	2014			2013	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>					
Grants from national affiliate	\$ 168,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,385	\$ 147,040
Contributions	121,619	8,416	90,000	220,035	61,966
Donated medical supplies	147,639	-	-	147,639	167,824
Rental income	16,892	-	-	16,892	11,799
Less rental expenses	(11,944)	-	-	(11,944)	(10,626)
Investment income	438	-	-	438	111
Other income	1,050	-	-	1,050	-
Restricted net assets released	-	-	-	-	-
Total support and revenue	<u>444,079</u>	<u>8,416</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>542,495</u>	<u>378,114</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Program Services:					
Membership and benefits	27,089	-	-	27,089	21,922
Prosthetics	164,344	-	-	164,344	232,722
Hospital and services	32,702	-	-	32,702	31,832
Sports and recreation	47,031	-	-	47,031	46,451
Advocacy and legislation	22,645	-	-	22,645	22,897
Education, training and outreach	49,320	-	-	49,320	33,487
Supporting Activities:					
General and administrative	31,253	-	-	31,253	28,484
Fund raising	5,790	-	-	5,790	2,375
Total expenses	<u>380,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,174</u>	<u>420,170</u>
Change in net assets	63,905	8,416	90,000	162,321	(42,056)
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>					
Beginning of year	<u>742,481</u>	<u>82,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>824,674</u>	<u>866,730</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 806,386</u>	<u>\$ 90,609</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 986,995</u>	<u>\$ 824,674</u>

***Have you called the Chapter office and updated your e-mail lately?? If not, please do so. We are trying to go digital with everything. Also, check out our newly designed web page and Facebook page. Click on the "like tab" and like us.***



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